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Applicant

Eckstein, et al.

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment Commissioner for Patents Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

In regard to the above identified application:

- 1. We are transmitting herewith the attached:
 - a. Preliminary Amendment; and
 - b. Return Receipt Postcard.
- 2. With respect to additional fees:
 - Attached is a check in the amount of \$0.00.
- 3. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No.13-2490. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- 4. CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 CFR § 1.8: The undersigned hereby certifies that this Transmittal Letter and the papers, as described in paragraph 1 hereinabove, are being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on this 16th day of October, 2003.

By:

Alison J. Baldwin

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